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May 9, 2018

The Honorable Trey Gowdy  
Chairman  
Oversight and Government Reform Committee  
2157 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Gowdy,

On May 8, 2018, it was widely reported that Essential Consultants LLC—a company created by Michael Cohen, President Trump's personal attorney, on October 17, 2016—received millions of dollars from various sources, including major global corporations and a Russian oligarch with close ties to Vladimir Putin.<sup>1</sup> Significant questions remain as to the extent of these transactions, the purpose of these payments, and whether any undue or corrupt influence resulted from these transactions.

The facts about this web of entanglements are still developing, yet they present serious ethical concerns. We still do not know the full extent of the President's financial positions, nor those of his closest advisors. We do not know if people at the highest levels of our government are serving the public interest or are operating for their own financial gain. As long as the President's tax returns remain secret, we have no way of knowing if LLCs have been used to accept illegal, illicit, or unethical payments from entities with business before the United States government.

Congress, as an independent and co-equal branch of government, has an obligation to provide oversight of the executive branch. I respectfully request, in the strongest possible terms, that the Committee investigate the payments to Essential Consultants LLC and verify that no public officials have been subject to undue influence in the performance of their official duties.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Raja Krishnamoorthi  
Member of Congress

<sup>1</sup> "Firm linked to Russian mogul paid \$500,000 to Trump attorney Michael Cohen" *Los Angeles Times*, May 9, 2018